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2	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION	
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4	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No. 1:21-cr-258 Akron, Ohio	
5	Plaintiff,	
6	vs. FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022	
7	JOSHUA GLOWACKI,	
8	Defendant.	
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10	TRANSCRIPT OF SENTENCING PROCEEDINGS  HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE	
11	BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOHN R. ADAMS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE	
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3	(Proceedings commenced at 1:08 p.m.)
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13:08:28 5	COURTROOM DEPUTY: This United States District
6	Court is now in session, the Honorable John R. Adams
7	presiding.
8	THE COURT: For the record, the Court has
9	before it today Case Number 1:21-cr-258. The case is United
13:08:41 10	States of America versus Joshua Glowacki. We're here today
11	for sentencing.
12	Counsel for the Government, are you ready to proceed?
13	MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, Judge.
14	On behalf of the United States, Michael A. Sullivan.
13:08:52 15	THE COURT: Thank you.
16	Counsel for the defendant.
17	MR. NEMECEK: Yes, Your Honor.
18	On behalf of the defense, Eric Nemecek.
19	THE COURT: Thank you.
13:08:58 20	Mr. Nemecek, does your client consent to proceeding
21	today by way of video?
22	MR. NEMECEK: He does, Your Honor.
23	THE COURT: Thank you.
24	Counsel, did you go over the presentence report,
13:09:11 25	review it, and discuss it with Mr. Glowacki?

1	MR. NEMECEK: I have, Your Honor.
2	THE COURT: Mr. Glowacki, have you reviewed
3	the report thoroughly with your attorney?
4	THE DEFENDANT: I have, Your Honor.
13:09:21 5	THE COURT: Did you read it in its entirety?
6	THE DEFENDANT: I have, Your Honor.
7	THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
8	The report indicates that there is one unresolved
9	objection by the defendant which we will address. The
13:09:38 10	defendant objects to paying the additional \$5,000 under the
11	provisions of Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act.
12	He indicates that he is of limited assets, he's been
13	incarcerated for ten months, and indicates that he may not
14	have any resources to which to pay the \$5,000. It does
13:09:56 15	appear that the defendant is indigent. However, there will
16	be some restitution that will be required.
17	We will hear from the parties and the Government
18	before I make a final determination about the \$5,000
19	so-called special assessment that's required under the
13:10:13 20	Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015.
21	Any other objections at this time the Government would
22	like to raise?
23	MR. SULLIVAN: No, Judge, not on behalf of the
24	Government.
13:10:25 25	Thank you.

1 THE COURT: Counsel for the defendant. 2 MR. NEMECEK: Yes, Your Honor. 3 The only other issue that I would like to address, 4 other than what the Court just specified, is the amount of restitution request. 13:10:34 5 The reason it wasn't included as an initial objection 6 7 is because I don't think that they received the letter until 8 after the first report had already been issued and 9 disclosed, so we didn't even get a chance to formally 13:10:46 10 object. 11 But I guess I would like to be heard on that issue as well whenever the Court intends to address that. 12 13 THE COURT: Well, we can address it now before 14 we go further, if you'd like. 13:10:54 15 What is the objection to the -- to a request for 16 restitution? 17 MR. NEMECEK: The objection is just to the 18 amount of the request, Your Honor. I don't believe that 19 there's sufficient evidence in terms of proximate cause to 13:11:11 20 justify a \$10,000 award in this case. 21 The Court's aware from the presentence report, as well 22 as the sentencing memorandum, Mr. Glowacki possessed a total 23 of I believe nine images. There's no evidence that any of 2.4 them were ever distributed. He took no part in any sort of 13:11:24 25 production of the image in question. And I don't believe

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that there's anything specific to his case or his conduct in the restitution request that would somehow justify the amount that's being requested.

So with that in mind, I'd ask that the Court, you know, given the mitigating circumstance with respect to the conduct, especially as it relates to the restitution, I'd ask the Court to impose the minimum \$3,000 restitution amount.

THE COURT: Counsel for the Government.

MR. SULLIVAN: Judge, we would, you know, rely on your discretion in setting the restitution amount.

But I'd point out that, you know, if you look at the total losses that they have established in their filing with the Court that I -- that I passed on to Mr. Nemecek, 10,000 is clearly just a small percentage of that, and we think that it probably is justified by their filing.

But we'll rely on your discretion in setting the amount.

THE COURT: Well, in terms of my discretion,

I'm not required, as I understand it, to simply limit myself

to what the defendant's current resources are but I may

consider the level of his education, whether he will have -
in the future may have the ability to pay this restitution,

including paying at least ten percent of his gross income

while he's in custody, if he does work while he's in

1 custody. 2 Am I correct in that assessment? 3 MR. SULLIVAN: I think you are, Judge. I think Mr. Nemecek's argument, the way I took it, was 4 more on whether or not we could show that there was evidence 13:12:58 5 that he was responsible for \$10,000 worth of harm, not 6 7 necessarily that he wouldn't be able to eventually pay it. 8 That's why I'm just saying that I think that the 9 filing with the Court shows that the total amount of harm is pretty enormous and that this is just a small percentage of 13:13:15 10 11 it and it is therefore justified. THE COURT: And this case is a little 12 different than others. We have identified that one of the 13 14 images contained an identifiable victim, right? 13:13:29 15 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes. 16 THE COURT: Okay. So it's not as if in many 17 of these cases we're not able to fully identify the victim, 18 but, here, we have been able to identify the victim. 19 MR. SULLIVAN: That is correct. 13:13:42 20 THE COURT: So it's kind of hard to quantify 21 the harm to the victim. 22 Mr. Glowacki paid, according to the report, 23 approximately \$12,000 in U.S. currency, he used Bitcoin, to 2.4 commit the offense conduct here. 13:14:04 25 Is that correct?

1 MR. SULLIVAN: I don't recall if it was that 2 much. 3 THE COURT: You may not have it, but the PSI 4 in the confidential pages indicates Mr. Glowacki used Bitcoin, a virtual currency, to make a payment to obtain 13:14:21 5 child sexual abuse materials. Mr. Glowacki paid 1.75 6 Bitcoin, which is approximately \$12,000 in U.S. currency. 7 8 So it is -- obviously, it fluctuates. 9 MR. NEMECEK: Judge, if I may. My understanding from that statement, and I'm reading 13:14:41 10 it from the PSR now, is that that address, the address in 11 12 question where the Government claims that Mr. Glowacki made 13 a Bitcoin payment, I think that what the PSR is stating is 14 that that address received a total, not necessarily from Mr. 13:14:58 15 Glowacki but from potentially, you know, other users, a 16 total of 1.75 Bitcoin which had an approximate value of 17 12,000. 18 I don't think Mr. Glowacki paid 1. -- 1.75 Bitcoin. don't think that was the allegation. 19 13:15:14 20 THE COURT: I don't want to get ahead of 21 myself here, but wouldn't an individual -- wouldn't it have 22 some bearing on an individual's acceptance of 23 responsibility, remorse that they're willing to pay 24 restitution? Particularly when we have a victim here that's 13:15:30 25 been identified. Wouldn't that go to someone saying, maybe

1 not in a technical sense but in the generic sense, that I'm 2 admitting the harm, the wrongfulness of my conduct, 3 including the harm that have been visited on this victim, 4 and so, I'm willing to pay restitution, knowing that when I'm released I'm going to have a job and I'm going to have 13:15:45 5 6 some ability to pay. 7 \$10,000 is, candidly, a very nominal sum when you look 8 at the victim's injuries here, right? 9 MR. NEMECEK: I agree, Your Honor. And in no way am I suggesting or is Mr. Glowacki 13:15:59 10 11 suggesting that he's not amenable to paying restitution. 12 My point in making the objection or the argument is 13 under Supreme Court precedent in Paroline, you know, the 14 Court's required to make a determination as to the proximate 13:16:14 15 cause, so whether or not there's evidence to support that 16 Mr. Glowacki's conduct, that that proximately caused \$10,000 17 worth of value. 18 So we're just asking the Court to make a determination 19 as to whether or not the evidence supports that. And I'm 13:16:27 20 not disputing the harm that this victim suffered, or even 21 the figures that she has in terms of I think it's 22 approximately like \$6 million in losses that she's trying to 23 recoup. 24 But I would note that it appears that there's, like,

1,500 orders out already for this particular victim in terms

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1 of other cases where they've made requests, and if you just 2 do the math, at 1,500, if she asked for 10,000 in all of 3 those cases, that would be I think, like, \$15 million. So 4 my point is she's either -- you know, the request hasn't come for 10,000 in all of these cases or it hasn't been 13:17:01 5 ordered at 10,000 in all of these cases. 6 7 And if we look at Mr. Glowacki's conduct and the 8 factors that the Court's required to consider, I just 9 don't -- I don't believe that, you know, his possession of nine images, having not been involved in any distribution 13:17:15 10 11 and not involved in the actual production, I don't -- I

don't believe that that would justify an award of 10,000.

I'm not saying he's not willing to pay restitution, it's

just calculating the correct amount.

THE COURT: Really? So how do you come up with that idea?

When you think about the harm to these victims, even one picture which is being viewed on the internet by Mr. Glowacki, I mean, you think 10,000 is too much, huh? Is that what you're telling me?

When you look at the harm to the victim -- did you read the victim statement here?

MR. NEMECEK: I did, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Did you read the harm?

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the harm that this victim has suffered? And you say \$10,000 from Mr. Glowacki is too much?

MR. NEMECEK: Your Honor, I'm just pointing out that the Court is required, under Supreme Court precedent, to consider various factors and to be able to justify that Mr. Glowacki's conduct and offense proximately caused X amount of restitution in this particular case.

I'm not disputing that she suffered. And if the Court determines that 10,000 is the number, then that -- you know, we will accept that. I just -- I'm making the argument for purposes of the record because there are various findings and considerations that the Court has to make, and so, that's -- that's all that I am doing with the argument, Judge.

about it. I find 10,000 to be nominal when you look at the harm to these victims of this kind of behavior and you look at the fact that you have individuals like Mr. Glowacki who's the one that drives these markets, and, you know, if he's objecting to the \$5,000 under the Act, which is designed to try to help victims, he's objecting to that 5,000, and now he's saying: I don't want to pay restitution and, if I do, I want to pay just a nominal sum.

And I can't help but think, well, that doesn't really give me a -- it doesn't give me a whole lot of comfort that

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he's really understanding the impact to this victim even after reading her victim impact statement.

MR. NEMECEK: Your Honor, I do believe that he does. I do believe that he's sincerely remorseful. And you'll hear from him today.

And this is as his attorney, me, making the legal argument as it relates to the restitution. I'm not objecting to restitution. I'm not disputing the victim's harm that she suffered or the losses. I'm just asking the Court to take into consideration the factors and make a determination as to the appropriate restitution amount.

number. So do you think \$15 million is too much for someone who's been sexually abused and then had their images posted all over the internet to be seen by anyone out there for really -- just for the rest of her life, they're never coming down, they're on the internet? Do you think 15 million is too much?

MR. NEMECEK: No, I'm not saying that, Judge.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, you're using that number saying, well, she's going to get -- if you extrapolate, she may get 15 million, so, gee, and we're asking your client to pay \$10,000 and you think that's a lot or too much.

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MR. NEMECEK: And maybe I'm not doing the best job of conveying what I was attempting to convey, which is essentially that there were a number -- you know, the PSR notes that there were a number of orders out already from other courts in other cases, you know, where restitution had been ordered, and it indicated that she had not -- I don't believe that she had recovered or had recovered close to half of what the total out-of-pocket expenses are, which is, you know, 6 million.

So I was simply indicating that the \$10,000 request here, you know, I don't know if that's a request that's made in every case, but, you know, accepting the rest of what's in the PSR related to that as true, it hasn't been ordered in every case I would say if that has been the request.

That's all I'm saying.

of these offenders who are engaged in this conduct are imprisoned for periods of time that may even result in their being incarcerated for a lifetime, given the nature of some of these offenders, they're incarcerated for 10, 15, 20 years, so -- or more, so that restitution is certainly hard to come by. We can order it, but collecting it is another matter.

I guess I'm just struggling with the idea that Mr.

1 Glowacki's conduct here in viewing these pictures, you know, 2 he's paying to view them by the by. I don't know how much 3 he's paid, but he's paying to view them. But yet, you, as his counsel, are arguing that \$10,000 is just way too much 4 for this conduct to reimburse this victim for what she's 13:22:03 5 suffered, including suffered at the hands of your client by 6 7 the by. 8 I guess we'll just have to agree to disagree. I think 9 \$10,000 is kind of nominal, bluntly, given his age, given

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\$10,000 is kind of nominal, bluntly, given his age, given how young he is, and when he'll be released, whether it's 15 or 20 years or what have you, he'll be able to obtain employment, and I think it's a sign of someone's true remorse and true understanding of the victim's suffering by saying: I'm going to pay, I want to pay for the harm I've caused here, even my limited role in paying for that harm. Someone who doesn't want to do, hmm, I guess I have to wonder.

Anyone else wish to be heard on that issue?

Mr. Sullivan, do you have any other comments or issues, anything you'd note further about all of this?

MR. SULLIVAN: No, I don't, Judge.

No, thank you, Judge.

THE COURT: All right. Counsel, I'll take it up when we finalize the sentencing here. If that's the objection, I'll address it.

1 Go ahead. Anything else you'd like to add, counsel 2 for the Government -- counsel for the defendant, I should 3 say? 4 MR. NEMECEK: No, Your Honor, not on those issues. 13:23:15 5 6 THE COURT: Thank you. 7 The Court's required to properly calculate the 8 advisory quidelines here. The quideline range is -- there's 9 a calculation which is somewhat beside the point because of the mandatory minimum of 15 years by statute. 13:23:24 10 Here, we have a base offense level of 22. Two-level 11 12 enhancement at paragraph 25. And four levels at 26. 27 is 13 a specific offense characteristic, a two level. The 14 adjusted offense level is 30. Acceptance of responsibility, 13:23:46 15 two levels. 16 Does the Government seek the third? 17 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, Judge, we do. 18 Thank you. 19 THE COURT: He'll be a 27. 13:23:54 20 At 27, Criminal History Category I, would be 70 to 21 87 months. 22 I will just note, as we will discuss later, the 23 defendant has one prior conviction for pandering sexually 2.4 oriented material involving a minor and the various charges 13:24:10 25 connected therewith at paragraph 38. That offense conduct

1 occurred not too -- on 10-5-2018, not too terribly earlier 2 than this offense conduct. 3 Counsel for the Government, do you have any objection to the Court's advisory guideline calculation? 4 MR. SULLIVAN: We do not. 13:24:29 5 6 Thank you. THE COURT: Counsel for the defendant. 7 8 MR. NEMECEK: No, Judge. 9 Thank you. THE COURT: All right. Counsel, any 13:24:34 10 11 statement, argument you wish to make. I've read the brief, 12 the evaluation, letters, all the materials submitted on 13 behalf of the defendant. Tell me why it is that the 14 180 months is the appropriate sentence, taking into 13:24:49 15 consideration the fact that he has a prior conviction, was 16 on probation at the time of this offense, and was supposedly 17 engaging in counseling, but yet, we have this same activity 18 occurring while on probation and while supposedly 19 successfully undergoing counseling. 13:25:06 20 MR. NEMECEK: Thank you, Judge. 21 A lot of the information and arguments we have are set 22 forth in the brief, so I will just highlight a few of the 23 arguments in response to the Court's questions. 2.4 I would note for the record that Mr. Glowacki does

accept responsibility in this case. He's sincerely

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remorseful for any harm that he caused, not only to the victims in this case but also to his family. He's had ample time to reflect upon his conduct and the significant penalties that he's facing. He's been incarcerated for almost a year at this point in time in connection with the case.

He's a young man who's obviously struggled with mental health issues for most of his adult life, diagnosed with depression, anxiety. He's taking medications. And following his arrest in connection with the state case, the Court's aware, he did undergo a psychosexual evaluation and he was determined to have a sexual addiction. They recommended that he engage in individual and group counseling, and he did do that. I believe he was in counseling for approximately three years prior to his surrender in this case.

I do believe, and his counselors have indicated as well, that he did make progress in treatment. I think Josh will be the first to tell you that he thought the treatment was going well and that he had his issues under control. But, obviously, as evidenced by, you know, this case, that wasn't accurate. He understands the importance of continuing with treatment even despite the current setback.

As the Court is aware or may recall, we had filed a motion shortly after his arraignment requesting that he be,

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you know, given permission to have unmonitored communications with his counselor because he sincerely had an interest in continuing with counseling, and the Court did issue the order, but, unfortunately, the institution where he was at, which was the Mahoning County Jail, they weren't able to make accommodations to allow for the unmonitored communications, so he hadn't been able to continue on with the treatment.

But he has expressed an interest in reengaging in treatment with the programming available through the BOP, as well as upon his release to get back into treatment. He understands that it's a lifelong commitment and he is interested in -- in continuing on with that.

Despite his current situation, he still maintains the love and support of his family and friends, some of whom have submitted letters in support for this Court's consideration. I know his parents are both, I guess, on this Zoom call to show their support for Josh as well.

In considering his conduct in this case, and comparing it to other defendants, I think there are a few notable points. As I mentioned before, there were only nine images that were found on his phone. No evidence that he ever distributed those images. No evidence that he was, you know, engaging in communications or conversations with other, you know, individuals engaged in this same sort of

offense. And no indication that he ever was engaged in any sort of contact offenses with minors.

As the Court determined at the outset, his initial calculation was deemed to be a 27, total offense level 27, with a recommended prison sentence of 78 to 97 months; however, due to his prior offense, he's subject to that 15-year mandatory minimum sentence by statute, which I would note, as the Court's aware, is more than double the recommended sentence, what the sentence would otherwise be.

So I think, you know, certainly not discounting the fact that he was on probation or that he had a prior offense, but I think that that is significantly taken into account by the guidelines to the extent that his, at least, you know, the recommended sentence is approximately double what it otherwise would have been.

I would note that he's also going to be subject to a significant term of supervision upon his release with strict terms and conditions, including presumably that he would continue on with treatment, that he have limited access to the internet as well. So I think that that, in conjunction with, you know, his earnest efforts and commitments to treatment and his youthful age, should help to hopefully reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

With that said, I don't believe that a sentence beyond the mandatory minimum sentence is necessary to serve the

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1 purposes and principles of sentencing, and I would ask the 2 Court to impose the 15-year year sentence, followed by a lengthy term of supervised release, just to ensure that he 3 4 gets the necessary treatment and avoids any similar offenses in the future. 13:29:36 5 6 Thank you, Judge. 7 THE COURT: Thank you, Counsel. 8 His earlier case in Cuyahoga County did involve, 9 however, the sale, distribution of materials, right? MR. NEMECEK: I believe that the facts of the 13:29:49 10 11 case were that he was obtaining certain child pornography 12 files through like a peer-to-peer network, and so, during 13 the course of the downloading, those files are made available, you know, the default setting is to have those 14 13:30:09 15 files available for other users to download, and so, those 16 files or some of those files were downloaded by law

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But I don't believe that there was evidence that he specifically, like, intentionally sent the images to anybody else or reposted them or distributed them directly to anybody.

THE COURT: That's -- okay. Just curious.

Because the way the indictment, the offense conduct reads in that earlier state case, there was, what, 15 counts?

1 MR. NEMECEK: I believe so, yes.

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THE COURT: And at least Counts 3 through 14 alleges that the defendant did, with knowledge of the character of the material or the performance involved, advertise for sale or dissemination, sold, distributed, transported, disseminated, exhibited, or displayed material of a minor.

So wouldn't that lead one to believe that indeed it wasn't just possession or that, in fact, he was distributing it to others?

MR. NEMECEK: Yes. I don't believe there was a dispute that it was disseminated, at least to the extent that the undercover officers were able to download files from him.

I guess maybe it's -- and I'm not trying to, I guess, get into semantics, but what I was saying is he didn't -- you know, he wasn't e-mailing them or sending them directly, but they were made available once they were downloaded, or in the process of downloading to his device through the default setting of the program that he used to obtain the information, it makes those same files available for other users to download from him.

So I -- I think that that's what is accounted for in the statute, and maybe it's just the use of the word disseminated or made available or advertised, but that was

1 essentially the conduct, that it was peer-to-peer software 2 that he used. THE COURT: So he wasn't involved in the 3 4 sharing? He wasn't sharing pictures or exchanging pictures or things of that nature? 13:32:04 5 MR. NEMECEK: Not directly. Other than to say 6 7 that those -- that files that were on his computer were 8 available for other users to download who were using the 9 same software, but he didn't take any steps beyond having those on his system to send those to anybody or to make them 13:32:18 10 11 available to anybody. 12 THE COURT: Mr. Sullivan, what do you know 13 about that? 14 MR. SULLIVAN: Judge, I believe that's 13:32:31 15 accurate. I'm actually looking through the search warrant 16 right now for the Cuyahoga County case. 17 I believe that the defendant was using BitTorrent, 18 which is a peer-to-peer network, and I believe that he 19 was -- the search warrant was conducted by the Ohio Internet 13:32:48 20 Crimes Against Children Task Force. I guess they saw that 21 he was -- he had files. 22 So he was -- his IP address was sharing them on the 23 network through BitTorrent, but that could be, as Attorney

Nemecek indicated, it could be more passive sharing, I guess

would be the term, as opposed to active. I mean, he's using

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1 peer-to-peer, so his files would be available for others to 2 download from him, and I believe that was the nature of the 3 connection. 4 THE COURT: Sounds like you just don't know. MR. SULLIVAN: Well, no, I -- again, I'm 13:33:21 5 reading through the -- the affidavit for the search warrant 6 7 was based strictly on peer-to-peer evidence. I have -- and 8 I'll pull up the indictment as well from Cuyahoga County. 9 THE COURT: You're talking about, just so it's clear for the record, the indictment in the other state 13:33:41 10 11 case? 12 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes. Yes. Yes. So --13 THE COURT: What does it tell you? Anything? 14 MR. SULLIVAN: It's just -- so, here, it 13:33:51 15 either -- let me see. I have the report here. I'm looking 16 at the report right now. The indictment just is -- it's 17 statutory language. 18 So I'm just reading through the report of the 19 investigation here. So Joshua was asked about child 13:34:29 20 pornography on his computer. He believed he had used 21 Utorrent within the last three to six months to download 22 child pornography involving children. 23 So, yeah, so, I mean, it's -- the nature of the case 24 was -- it was using peer-to-peer software by Mr. Glowacki to 13:34:49 25 obtain child pornography. But in the course of obtaining it

1 using peer-to-peer software, it made it available to others 2 to download from his computer. 3 THE COURT: Do you have -- as to the state 4 case, do we know how many images were involved? Does it give that information there? 13:35:03 5 MR. SULLIVAN: Let's --6 7 THE COURT: Sorry to focus on it, but it also 8 is relevant to how long -- the extent of his supervision, 9 how supervised release will -- it's relevant to conditions of supervised release and they're like the same in some 13:35:18 10 11 respect. 12 MR. SULLIVAN: I'm pulling up the forensic 13 report right now. 14 So on the one hard drive, there were nine movies, 37 13:36:22 15 pictures. Then in unallocated space, there were another ten 16 pictures. On another hard drive, there were 21 movies and 17 two pictures. And then they -- and in unallocated, another 18 19 movies. I think that was it. 19 THE COURT: Which under the guidelines is they 13:36:51 20 would -- the movies would convert to how many images? 21 MR. SULLIVAN: 75 per, so on the -- on the 22 nine movies, that would be -- and the 19 movies would be 23 another, what, 1,300, so probably about 2,000. 2.4 Then, unallocated, there was 21 movies there so --THE COURT: Another 25 movies? 13:37:22 25

1 MR. SULLIVAN: There were -- so in allocated 2 space, there were nine movies and 21 movies. And then, in 3 unallocated space, there were an additional 19 movies. 4 As far as the, in allocated space, that would be equivalent to 2,250. And then, the additional 19 in 13:37:46 5 unallocated space would be an additional 1,425. 6 7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 8 Counsel for the defendant, do you want to add 9 anything? Since I'm not sure if you represented him in the state court case. 13:38:07 10 11 MR. NEMECEK: I did, Your Honor, and I -- I 12 don't believe that I would add anything other than what's 13 been said up to this point. 14 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. 13:38:17 15 In that court's case, he received two years' community 16 control on May 21st, 2019. 17 So having said that, anything further you'd like to 18 make? Any terms or any additional argument you'd like to 19 make? Counsel for the defendant, anything else before I hear from the defendant? 13:38:37 20 21 MR. NEMECEK: No, Your Honor, not at this 22 time. 23 THE COURT: Thank you. 24 Mr. Glowacki, what would you like to state on your own 13:38:44 25 behalf?

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THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, first, I would like to apologize to my victims who, you know, I -- I admit to knowingly inflicting harm by viewing those materials, my family for not only putting them through this the first time but doing this a second time, to Judge McGinty who tried to see the best in me and I will acknowledge gave me a sentence that was a slap on the wrist for what I should have received and I so failed in his trust for me.

I'd also like to apologize to my counseling and my support group at Advanced Psychotherapy Services because I not only betrayed their trust but I cast them and other sex offenders that are looking to actually fix and improve themselves in the worst light.

Again, it cannot be understated that what I've done is unforgiveable. And again, I am on probation at the time of the reoffense. And I have already failed once while in treatment, but I do hope to still continue treatment, both during my incarceration and after serving the sentence you deem fit, whatever that may be.

I allowed myself to be complacent with my therapy. I really should have been trying to do more with it. I allowed myself to fall off the wagon. And I intend to try to become more open to any support systems I can have, both again in incarceration and once I finish my sentence, to also increase the intensity of my treatment, going to

1 more -- more support groups, trying to begin 12 steps, other 2 programs I can try to find in order to prevent such failures 3 in the future. Thank you, Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: Thank you. 13:40:33 5 Counsel -- all right. Thank you, sir. 6 7 Counsel, what's the Government's position, please? 8 MR. SULLIVAN: Thank you, Judge. 9 Judge, I -- we're asking for a guideline sentence which, in this case, would be the 15 years. I would like to 13:40:46 10 11 just comment on a couple of things briefly. 12 One, you know, Mr. Nemecek made a point as to the 13 number of images being low in this case, and I don't think 14 that really is all that relevant because the defendant was 13:41:00 15 clearly using sophisticated technology in order to try to 16 hide his activity. He was going on the dark web to buy 17 access to the child pornography, so he was -- he had already 18 been caught once and he was trying to cover his tracks. So 19 the fact that he was caught not only once with child 13:41:17 20 pornography is not only surprising or I think really quite 21 relevant. 22 I guess the -- you know, the really notable part about 23 this, and it's more of an issue for the state court, but --2.4 is that that state court judge was put on notice, there was

a psychological report that he had before him when he

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sentenced this defendant on 14 F-2s that carried two-to-eight years in prison with a presumption of prison, and the report said that he was highly likely -- that he was likely to reoffend, high-risk of reoffending, and he was given two years of community control sanction.

It didn't take long for the defendant to prove that the psychological report was right. Within months of being on probation, he was buying cryptocurrency so he could go on the dark web and find child pornography.

So we believe the guidelines here are -- the minimum mandatory is certainly justified, even though it's higher than the guidelines that have been calculated, given the defendant's prior, 15 years is certainly well earned.

THE COURT: All right. Counsel, thank you.

I'm required to make certain findings under 18, 3553(a).

We'll begin with the nature and circumstances of the offense. They are that on October 20th, 2020, an FBI special agent received records from Coinbase, a virtual currency company associated through Bitcoin. A virtual currency address is known to be associated to dark net sites that advertise child sexual abuse material.

The records revealed an account associated or registered to the defendant. And the defendant sent Bitcoin payments to an address associated with a dark net website

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On December 24th, 2019, the defendant's Coinbase account sent two payments to a Bitcoin address for approximately 1.75 Bitcoin, the PSI says approximately 12,000 in U.S. currency, which was associated to a dark net website that advertised: Terabytes of child porn private site.

On March 23rd, 2021, FBI special agents and investigators executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence and seized the defendant's Samsung cell phone.

They located the following on the defendant's Samsung cell phone: Nine images categorized as child exploitation, age difficult, with three images categorized as possible child pornography, and then there were 12 images that were categorized as CGI animation depictions, images of possible prepubescent females.

There were three images that contained visual depictions of real minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct with adults and other minors, including exhibition of genitals or pubic area and bestiality. One image had an identified victim. And then the details of these offenses are outlined in paragraphs 8 through 15 of the PSI. I won't spread it on the record. It's there, and it's clear what the defendant's proclivities are, and let's be blunt about it.

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So in terms of the history and characteristics of the defendant, Mr. Glowacki is a 24-year-old male with no history of violence. He has one previous adult conviction for pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor. There were -- I think there were a total of 14 counts, they were all felonies of the second degree, for which the defendant received probation on May 21st, 2019. And then this offense conduct began shortly thereafter on December 24th, 2019.

Despite the fact that he claims he was undergoing counseling and that he was undergoing counseling, it appears, but, obviously, that was not effective and, obviously, the defendant engaged in this pattern of activity, which is clandestine pattern.

He was raised by his parents in a good neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio. He didn't witness any substance abuse or violence in his childhood home. He has one sibling, age 22. He's never been married. He has no children.

He has no known physical health concerns, but apparently was diagnosed with depression and general anxiety disorder in 2019. I'm not a psychiatrist, but some of this I would suspect is related to the fact that he was being apprehended, charged, and was dealing with the legal system in terms of his criminal conduct here; although, again, he carries those diagnoses.

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He completed a sex offender assessment on March 12th, and the assessment determined the risk of reoffending was above average.

Mr. Glowacki has suicidal thoughts since the age of 16, at least so he claims, and has -- was admitted into a psychiatric ward approximately one week prior to his arrest on this offense. Apparently the search had been conducted earlier.

He was last employed as a cashier in July of 2020. He has a metalworking certificate he obtained in March of 2021.

In terms of the sentencing disparities, again, here, we have a mandatory minimum, so the guideline calculation and sentencing disparities would be somewhat beside the point. 98 months was the median length of imprison -- average length was 98 months. Median length was 120 months. Again, that's utilizing offense level 27, with a criminal history category -- this says II, but it should be I. But, again, the mandatory minimum is in play here.

In terms of the need for the sentence imposed, the instant offense, federal offense is Mr. Glowacki's second sex offense conviction. He used Bitcoin to make a payment to child sexual -- to obtain child sexual abuse material.

Now, the PSI and the Probation Office seems to believe Mr. Glowacki paid, again, 1.75 Bitcoin, which was approximately \$12,000 in U.S. currency, and that fluctuates,

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so that market is volatile. Be that as it may, however much he paid, he clearly sought it out and he certainly paid money, and perhaps even a large amount of money, to obtain this sexual abuse material.

His payment was sent to a virtual currency exchanger based in Russia. He made the Bitcoin payment to access the dark web site that had over a dozen images containing child pornography, and the Bitcoin payment accessed a larger collection of child pornography.

Probation Office believes, and of course I agree, that the phone, the images contained on Mr. Glowacki's phone are troubling just focusing on the nine images. Of the three images — there were nine images and then there were three additional images. One of the three images was an image of a prepubescent female, approximately six to nine years old, naked and tied to a chair, facing down with an adult male holding her from behind. The second image was an image of a prepubescent female, approximately 11 to 13 years old, performing oral sex on an adult male. And an image — included a image was a prepubescent male, approximately eight to ten years old, with his pants down and apparently having sexual contact with a female of the similar age.

And the Probation Office on February 7th learned that one of the images contained an identified victim.

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victim contained over 400 pages of detailed records of the victim's ongoing victimization, personal and economic losses due to the initial sexual abuse she endured as a juvenile, and the ongoing circulation of the images of her sexual abuse. The documentation estimated that the victim has a total of over \$6 million in economic losses due to no limited -- not limited to medical costs, counseling expenses, lost earnings, expenses paid for restitution documentation. And the victim impact statement the victim submitted detailed the victim's past, ongoing struggles due to the circulation of her sexual abuse images.

The Probation Department recommends the \$10,000. I agree. If counsel would like the calculation, first of all, there are calculations set forth in the PSI at page 18 which outlines the full amount of Lily's, as her name is referred to, economic losses are spelled out there itemizing the over \$6 million, not including attorney fees allowable by statute.

The victim also asked for a no contact order. And I will quote from paragraph 19: We have seen some defendants are trading images with Lily's real legal name as part of the file title. Lily's been personally contacted by child pornography enthusiasts who made offensive and frightening remarks and sought in-person contact with her. I myself have received correspondence recently from a federal inmate

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requesting that I pass along apologies to her. What is alarming is that he uses her legal name and says that everyone in his institution who has committed a child pornography crime knows of her. We would appreciate, therefore, a no contact order using her pseudonym be requested of the Court. That's at paragraph 19.

Paragraph 20 also is a victim impact statement which is dated August 20th, 2019, and the victim states just -- I'll just touch on some of it because, again, the \$10,000 I believe is nominal for a young person like this defendant who hopefully when he's released from prison will go to work, and I would think that agreeing to pay restitution would be a sign of true remorse.

The victim states: I live every day with the horrible knowledge that many people somewhere are watching the most terrifying moments of my life and taking grotesque pleasure in them. I am a victim of the worst kind of exploitation: Child pornography. Unlike other forms of exploitation, this one's never ending. Everyday people are trading and sharing videos of me as a little girl being raped in the most sadistic ways. They don't know me. They've never seen — they have seen every part of me. They are being entertained by my shame and pain. The world came crashing down the day I learned pictures of me being sexually abused had been circulated on the internet. Since then, little has changed

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except my understanding of the distribution of these pictures grows bigger and bigger by the day. I've always been told there's nothing I can do about it. The enormity of this has added to my grief and pain and given me paranoia.

And she goes on and talks about and page -- paragraph after paragraph what this has done to her. She said -- she's paranoid she claims. She says: Some of the perverts have contacted me. I've received emails suggesting making porn with these strangers. One has stalked me and others have created slideshows and videos of me on YouTube referencing my life as an adult in recently as last year. And it goes on and on. There's more paragraphs talking about the difficulties this individual has had.

This is one of the persons that Mr. Glowacki victimized. So I think it's important to understand when we talk about these cases -- I receive all sorts of materials here in support of the defendant referencing his illness or his need for counseling, et cetera, focusing on the defendant. Far too often we don't focus on the victim. That's where the real focus needs to be here, the victim, and what we can do to prevent Mr. Glowacki from this continued pattern.

There were victims in his earlier case for which he received two years of probation. I don't know Judge

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McGinty, but I hope someone goes back to him and explains to him and shows him the seriousness of these kind of offenders and this kind of conduct and the danger he's posed particularly with someone whose own report indicates he's at a high-risk of offending. Within six months of probation, he's back doing this on the dark web and in a sophisticated way.

That's why I pause and wonder: Is 15 years going to be enough? If someone's placed on probation, after all of the 14 counts to which he was given probation, and then in a matter of six months he goes back in a sophisticated way to go back to feed his urges, is 15 years enough? Is it going to be an adequate deterrent? Is he going to, once he's released, return to the same urges that he was again obviously involved in here?

And this is a person who supposedly is going through counseling at the same time. One would suspect he's telling his counselors: Oh, I'm doing well, I'm doing fine, what have you. Misleading his counselors. So I ask: Was 15 years going to do it? Is that going to be enough or not? Rhetorically.

Well, hear the following: Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, 18 United States Code 3553(a), the defendant will be committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 180 months.

He'll be placed on supervised release for a term of 15 years. Why? 10 years is not sufficient. 15 years may not be sufficient. He may have this issue or may deal with this issue for a lifetime. The reason why 15 years is appropriate is because of his recidivism: The fact he returned to this same type of criminal conduct that brought him before the state court in a matter of a very few, short months, he's a high-risk offender, he'll require supervision for many, many, many years.

In terms of the special assessment -- or supervised release, when he's released, he'll be required to report in person to the district in which he's released.

There will be no fine. It's because there will be restitution.

Special assessment of \$100 is due immediately.

I will order restitution in the amount of \$10,000 through Lily -- to Lily through the Clerk of the U.S.

District Court. And I believe that, again, that amount is a conservative amount, and I would point any reviewing court to the victim impact statement, the amounts of damages the victim suffered. Candidly, I don't know how we ever can place a number on the kind of harm to this victim. It's difficult to quantify.

And for this defendant, \$10,000 is indeed in my view nominal. This is a person who's willing to spend

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substantial sums to purchase pictures of Lily, but yet, in some ways is resistant to paying restitution to her.

He'll pay 25 percent of his gross monthly income per month through the Federal Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program while he's in custody. The address to where the restitution will be paid will be part of the Court's order.

When he's released from prison, if any restitution remains, he'll begin paying at ten percent of his gross monthly income no later than 60 days after he's released from prison.

And, of course, the Government can execute upon the judgment.

When he's under supervision, he'll undergo mandatory and standard conditions adopted by the Court. There will be mandatory drug testing to make sure he's not using any illegal drugs, substances. There will be a mental health evaluation that will be required.

We do have the records that were submitted by counsel on behalf of the defendant. We'll make sure they're made part of the record in this case so that, again, they can be utilized in the future by Probation. I'll note that even his most recent report, which was an attempt, again, in many ways to minimize the problems of the defendant, even that report notes an above-average risk of recidivism and that

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Mr. Glowacki would highly benefit from treatment and goes on to say that. That's to state the obvious. And so, in any event, we'll note that and make that all part of the record for the -- again, for future use during his supervision.

He'll be subject to a search. His person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers, other electronic communications, data storage devices, or media will be subject to a search conducted by his probation officer. If he fails to submit to that search, that may be grounds for revocation.

He must participate in sex offense specific assessment. He'll register under the SORNA, so-called SORNA Act, Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. He must comply with the requirements of that act as directed by his pretrial services and probation officer.

And you will keep your registration current in each jurisdiction in which you reside or are employed or are a student. And you must no later than three business days after each change in name, residence, employment, or student status appear in person in at least one jurisdiction in which you are registered, inform that jurisdiction of all changes in reporting information. Failure to do so may be a violation of your conditions of supervised release. It may be a federal offense punishable up to ten years if you fail to register.

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And he'll participate obviously in a sex offense treatment program and follow the rules of that program.

He'll submit to periodic polygraph testing at the discretion of the probation officer as a means of ensuring compliance with the requirements of the supervision of the treatment program.

He'll not possess any materials, including pictures, photographs, books, writings, drawings, videos, video games depicting or describing sexually explicit conduct, which is defined as (A) sexual intercourse, including genital to genital, oral to genital, anal to genital, or oral to anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex, bestiality, masturbation, sadistic/masochistic abuse, or lascivious exhibition or -- of the private areas of any person.

There will be an internet computer restriction. He'll be prohibited strictly from accessing any computer, online computer service, internet service provider, bulletin board system, or any other public or private computer network or the service at any location, including employment or education, without prior written approval of his probation officer and his pretrial officer.

And he'll provide his pretrial officer with accurate information about his entire system, computer, all passwords, et cetera, and his computer will be monitored and

restricted.

And he will consent to unannounced examinations of his computer system, which may include retrieval and copying of all memory from hardware, software, removal from such system, et cetera, and he'll consent to monitoring being installed on his computer.

Minor contact restriction. He must not seek, obtain, or maintain any residence, employment, volunteer work, church, or recreational activities involving minors, persons under the age of 18, in any way without the prior express written approval of your probation officer.

And you'll not reside within the direct view of any schoolyards, parks, public swimming pools, playgrounds, youth centers, video arcade facilities, any other places used by persons under the age of 18. You must not reside within a thousand feet of a school or daycare center without the express written approval of your probation officer.

There will be no sex paraphernalia permitted. You'll not possess any such items as described: Bindings, blindfolds, restraints, handcuffs, anything sadomasochistic.

And you'll have no contact whatsoever with this individual named Lily, either directly or through someone else, and if you do, then obviously you will face another sanction.

And he's not a candidate for bond, of course, based on

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1 this conduct and this history. 2 Having said all those things, counsel for the 3 Government, under U.S. versus Bostic, any objections, 4 corrections, any arguments that have not been previously raised that I can address? 14:02:05 5 MR. SULLIVAN: No, Your Honor. 6 7 THE COURT: Thank you. 8 Counsel for the defendant, any Bostic objections you'd 9 like to raise? 14:02:12 10 MR. NEMECEK: No, Your Honor. 11 THE COURT: Thank you. 12 Mr. Glowacki, I've imposed a sentence within the terms 13 of your plea agreement. It doesn't appear there's any basis 14 for an appeal. You can talk that over, however, with your 14:02:23 15 lawyer. 16 If there is any basis for an appeal, any notice of 17 appeal must be filed no later than 14 days after I reduce 18 your sentence to writing. 19 And if you're unable to pay for an attorney or afford 14:02:35 20 counsel, we'll appoint an attorney for you and provide you 21 all the necessary papers and transcripts, et cetera. 22 Is that understood? 23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, it is, Your Honor. 2.4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much. 14:02:45 25 That will be the Court's --

1	MR. NEMECEK: Your Honor
2	COURTROOM DEPUTY: Just
3	MR. NEMECEK: I apologize. Just one more
4	point.
14:02:50 5	We had made a request in the sentencing memo for the
6	Court to put in a designation request for FCI Elkton, just
7	because it's in close proximity to his home and they also
8	offer the nonresidential sex offender treatment program
9	there.
14:03:02 10	THE COURT: All right. I'm sorry, sir. I
11	meant to do that. And I will certainly make that
12	recommendation. My apologies.
13	MR. NEMECEK: No, that's fine.
14	Thank you, Your Honor.
14:03:09 15	THE COURT: We'll make sure no, I
16	understand. That's an important recommendation. We will
17	make it.
18	All right. Thank you very much.
19	COURTROOM DEPUTY: Judge, the Government did
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21	MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, I think there were the
22	Count 2, we'll make a motion to dismiss Count 2, Judge.
23	THE COURT: Will be dismissed at your request
24	pursuant to the plea agreement.
14:03:27 25	MR. SULLIVAN: Thank you.